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SUBJ: SYRIAN STUDY GROUP PROPOSES RETURN TO SECURITY COUNCIL

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY WESTERN EUROPEAN DIRECTOR JOUAYJATI TOLD EMBOFF FEB 1, THAT SYRIAN "STUDY GROUP" HAD MET OVER WEEKEND AND PREPARED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND BAATH PARTY COMMAND REGARDING NEXT STEPS IN SYRIAN ME DIPLOMACY. FIRST RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT SYRIA COULD NOT AGREE TO ATTEND EITHER GENEVA CONFERENCE OR ANY PREPARATORY-TO-GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT THE PLO.

2. COURSE OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY STUDY GROUP WAS FOR SARG TO SEEK TO RECONVENE UN SECURITY COUNCIL
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FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUES.

SYRIA WOULD INVOKE, JOUAYJATI SAID, VARIOUS UNGA RESOLUTIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE. (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED UNGA RES 3414.)

3. JOUAYJATI SAID IF IT APPEARED IN COURSE OF DEBATE THAT JAN 26 VOTING PATTERN WOULD BE REPEATED, SYRIA WOULD THEN RESORT TO "UNITING FOR PEACE" RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE HANDLED ON PROCEDURAL BASIS.

4. AS TO TIMING, JOUAYJATI SAID GROUP IS RECOMMENDING ACTION IN LATE FEBRUARY - EARLY MARCH, BEFORE PRES. ASAD'S EXPECTED VISIT TO FRANCE (MARCH 15-17). WHEN EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT HE DOUBTED MANY SC MEMBERS WOULD WELCOME RETURNING TO SC SO SOON AFTER JAN DEBATE, JOUAYJATI REPLIED THAT ON CONTRARY, FRENCH WERE ENCOURAGING SARG TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM.

5. FOR USUN. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON WHETHER ABOVE MENTIONED SYRIAN TACTIC IS REALISTIC AND ON EXACTLY HOW IT WOULD WORK PROCEDURALLY. MURPHY

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